

Rubric for Evaluating Sources

Evaluate information by determining the reliability, validity and accuracy of your sources. On your note cards, assign a score (0, 1, or 2) to the source for the criteria listed in each row. Evaluate each source on each criterion and then add up the score for each source. Sources with the highest scores are the best to use in your research. Sources with low scores should not be used.

Criteria	2	1	0
A Research Question	Source clearly addresses and answers my research question	Source somewhat addresses and answers my research question	Source does not address and answer my research question
B Clarity and Bias	Source is clearly understood and does not have a bias about the topic	Source is somewhat clear and has little to no bias about the topic	Source is full of misunderstandings and has a bias towards the topic
C Expertise	The source is an expert on the topic	The source is considered knowledgeable about the topic	The source is not considered knowledgeable or an expert on the topic
D Substantiation	The author supports his or her points with facts, statistics, quotations and relevant examples	The authors somewhat supports his or her points with facts, statistics, quotations and relevant examples	The authors does not support his or her points with facts, statistics, quotations and relevant examples
E Reliable Source	If written by an organization, it is considered a reliable organization	If written by an organization, it is considered a somewhat reliable organization	If written by an organization, it is not considered a reliable organization
F Accuracy and Validity	Information is accurate with valid facts and details	Information is somewhat accurate with valid facts and details	Information is not accurate and includes invalid facts and details
G Objectivity	Information is fair, complete, unbiased, and objective	Information is somewhat fair, complete, unbiased, and objective	Information is unfair, incomplete, biased, and subjective
H Current	Information is current	Information is somewhat current	Information out of date